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Orlando is home for A-6 trainer software

A centralized computer software maintenance facility is now being set up at the Naval Training Equipment Center (NTEC) in Orlando, Florida, to support the two new Grumman-built A-6E Weapon System Trainers (WST).

These trainers are used by Intruder pilots and bombardier/navigators so they can learn to work as a team—without leaving the ground. Designed and built by Grumman for the Navy, one WST is presently undergoing acceptance testing at NAS Oceana, Virginia; the other will be installed at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington, in 1980.

It takes a tremendous amount of software (instructions for the computers) to simulate the numerous flight missions of the A-6 all-weather attack aircraft. Change and growth are a way of life for such large software systems. From design evaluations to aircraft updates to WST system improvements, these changes demand a well coordinated and automated software support environment like the newly established Software Support Facility (SSF) in Orlando.

The SSF is a relatively new innovation designed to centralize the software support function activities. In addition, SSF acts as the major hub for servicing and supporting training devices located at multiple remote sites; in this case, Oceana and Whidbey Island.

By the close of 1979, a team of 16 people from the Navy and Grumman Aerospace will man the SSF. Located at the Herndon Field Annex, SSF will house a Perkin-Elmer 8/32 digital computer, four disc drives, two tape units and associated hardware to provide direct communications with digital remote job entry computer terminals at Oceana and Whidbey Island.

Dr. Roger Johnson will be Grumman's facility manager for the SSF; he can be reached at (305) 273-7730.

Snow emergency numbers

The foul weather season is here, and since we seldom know ahead of time about Mother Nature's intentions of crippling us with snow, or icing our roadways or blowing down our power lines, phone numbers have been established for Grummanites to call for information regarding possible plant closings due to extreme weather conditions. For Bethpage, Melville and Great River call 349-9400; for Calverton call 369-2266. Both numbers will be in service beginning at 5 a.m.

In addition, the following radio stations will carry up-to-the-minute reports: WBAB FM (102.3), WBLI FM (106), WGBB (1240), WGLI (1290), WALK (1370), WHLI (1100), and WYFA (1580).

Band begins holiday tour

With everything from "O Little Town of Bethlehem" to some good old Tommy Dorsey stuff, the Grumman Band is ready for its annual holiday concert series.

Band director Matt Daniels says that this year's offerings include selections from the Nutcracker, dance music from the 40s, and some new favorites. They'll wind up with a sing-along of traditional Christmas carols.

Concerts are slated for lunchtime in all locations. Here's the schedule for the remaining concerts:

Friday, Dec. 14 — Pl. 6 assembly floor; Monday, Dec. 17 — Pl. 1 assembly floor; Tuesday, Dec. 18 — Pl. 2 (location to be announced); Wednesday, Dec. 19 — Pl. 3 cafeteria; Thursday, Dec. 20 — Pl. 5 cafeteria.

U.W. campaign wraps up

Over 95 percent of all Grummanites affirmed their belief in people helping people. The men and women of Grumman exceeded their goal for this year's United Way campaign, contributing $662,493 to the drive.

And on November 30, 62 of those Grummanites had their generosity rewarded when their names were called in the final prize drawing.

Fernando Patricio, the top winner, is going to have to take lessons before he can drive off in his brand new 1980 Chevette. The car is Fernando's first since he moved to this country from Portugal in 1973. He's a carpenter for the Pearson Yachts division of Grumman Allied in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

In addition to those departments which PLANE NEWS has already announced, the following groups also achieved 100 percent participation prior to the conclusion of this year's drive:

Plant 1, Plant 56, Great River Engineering, Bethpage Operations Management Staff and Administration, Corporate Security, Transportation, Employee Services, Personnel Liaison, Corporate Estimating Technology, Engineering Management and Staff, Corporate Program Management, Quality Control Product Development Center, and West Coast Office.

Adopt a pumpkin. *Members of Engineering at Calverton's Plant 7 are the proud foster parents of a giant 51-foot-long pumpkin vine. The seeds were planted last May on the window ledge, and with the help of the loving care of the department, the plant flourished.*

Personals

My family and I wish to express our deep gratitude to all my husband's friends, co-workers and Employee Services for their kindness and sympathy during our recent loss. Evelyn Mohr and Family

On behalf of my sons, daughter and myself I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all those who took the time out to express their sympathy and to those whose generosity was warmly accepted, including Employee Services, during the recent loss of my beloved wife, whose suffering has finally ceased. George Hassel and Family

My family and I wish to thank our many friends and Employee Services for their kind expression of sympathy during the recent loss of my father. Richard Baffa

On behalf of my family and myself, I wish to thank our friends and Employee Services for their kindness and sympathy during the recent loss of my father. Bob Botwin

My family and I would like to thank everyone for their kindness during the recent loss of my father, Frank Mezzacapo. Your sympathy and generosity came at a time when it was needed most, and helped ease our loss. Margaret Mezzacapo and Family

My family and I wish to thank my friends, co-workers and Employee Services for their expression of kindness and sympathy during the recent loss of my father. Bill Mascolo

Sincerest thanks to all my friends and co-workers for their many kind expressions of concern during my illness. Good friends are a most effective medication. Bill Capaldo

On behalf of my family and myself I wish to express our deepest appreciation to my co-workers and Employee Services for their thoughtfulness during the loss of my mother. Patricia Gillespie

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to my friends, co-workers and Employee Services for their kindness and sympathy during the recent loss of my brother. Paul Baruccheri

The family of the late Thomas Haraden wishes to express its appreciation to his friends, co-workers and Employee Services for their sympathy, kindness, and cancer fund donations. It made our grief lighter to know that so many cared. God bless you all. Helen Haraden and Family

I wish to thank all of you for your kindness during the loss of my wife, Pat. The donations to the American Cancer Society were very much appreciated. I'm sure it will help to make this awful disease only history. J.W. Moseman

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Grumman, Bell share contract

Grumman Aerospace and Bell Helicopter have teamed together on two Army contracts relating to the application of advanced composites to helicopter airframes.

One contract calls for the investigation of the crashworthiness of helicopter structures using composites.

The other is for the first phase of a two-part program that calls for the study of all-composite airframes designed for optimum structural tolerance and radar cross section characteristics.

Knowledgeable team

The Bell/Grumman team was selected because of its knowledge of automated composites manufacturing techniques. Bell has extensive experience in filament winding; Grumman has extensive fixed-wing composite airframe experience gained through the development and production of the F-14 and work conducted for the B-1.

G-III maiden flight: super

The new Gulfstream III jet, designed and engineered by Grumman, had its first flight on Sunday, December 2 at Savannah, Ga., home of Gulfstream American, builders of the plane.

The plane was flown by Grumman's director of flight test, Bob Smyth; his co-pilot for the successful flight was Gulfstream's test pilot, Morgan Cobb. Their flight was observed from the air by members of the FAA who were in a nearby chase plane.

After an impressive series of maneuvers which lasted an hour and forty-eight minutes, Smyth landed the G-III and was warmly applauded by Grumman and Gulfstream people who had worked on the project.

He thanked them all for building a plane that had performed so perfectly, and then apologized to the crowd for keeping them waiting so long on the ground. "We were having so much fun up there, we just didn't want to come down."

The G-III is now at Grumman's Calverton facility where it will undergo an extensive six-month-long flight test program under the guidance of Smythe.

So far, more than 50 of the new planes are on order, and the prototype flown in the first test will be purchased by the Royal Danish Air Force.

Retiree goes to work, builds own plane

Years ago when Don Wolfe was a high school student, his dream was to fly his own self-built plane. About 40 years ago he started flying, but it wasn't until three years ago, as his Grumman retirement approached, that he was able to get around to designing and building his dream plane.

Now, he's flying it. The 17-foot long biplane, which is named Boredom Fighter, has a 20-foot wing span, is made mostly of wood and looks like a 1918 fighter. In the words of Wolfe, "It's dripping with nostalgia."

He explains that he spent two or three nights a week on the plane's design. "That was in 1976 and 1977, my last years at Grumman. Then when I retired, in August of '77, I began building the plane in parts down in my basement. My son then helped me assemble it in the garage in order to test the engine and rigging."

The plane was then disassembled and carted piece-by-piece to the airport at Brookhaven where it was completely reassembled for inspectors from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Wolfe is now completing a 40-hour test program under the watchful eyes of the FAA and hopes to get final clearance soon. Since the plane's maiden flight on September 1, he has logged over 30 hours.

The plane's performance is perfect, he says. "It does everything I designed it to do. It's been so successful that not once have I had to re-rig it."

Except for the help received from his son, whose hands were very welcome when it came time to assemble the plane for some of the early tests, Wolfe did all the work himself.

If you get the feeling that Don Wolfe knows something about airplanes, you are right. As a member of the Product Support Department, he was responsible for training customers on the flying and the maintenance of Grumman-built aircraft.

Now, more than three years since drawing the first plan for his plane, Wolfe is glad about his achievement. "I think my sense of accomplishment has added a couple of feet to my height," he says, adding, "You know, it's a great thing to be retired, but a greater thing to be retired and so busy."

Feast of lights

The first light is lit tonight; the Jewish "Feast of Lights," Chanukah, begins at sundown this evening, December 14.

Chanukah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrians in 165 B.C. and the rededication of the Temple at Jerusalem.

On the cover

Memories. All families have holiday traditions. And as Grummanites look back over 50 years, many of those traditions call to mind the people we work with . . . for Grumman is a family, too.

Our cover shows a World War II photo of Jake Swirbul, one of the company's founders, giving his annual year-end address? carolers from the 50's having themselves a merry little Christmas; and Grummanites from Plant 2 trimming this year's tree.

A joyous holiday to all.

In St. Nick of time, Grumman Santas help deliver holiday cheer

Wanted: good will representatives for seasonal job; must possess hearty laugh, love of little folks and reindeer; prefer people with robust figures but padding is permissible.

Santa Claus is very particular about the men who help him spread the holiday spirit. "Not everyone is cut out to be one of my helpers," said Santa during a recent telephone conversation. "He's got to have a big heart and that special twinkle in his eye."

To acquire an insider's view of what it takes to be a true Santa's helper, the big fella in red suggested that PLANE NEWS talk to his assistants at Grumman Aerospace, Ed Hiller, Mark Hervan, Dick Erody, Mel Hennen, Joe Neary and Al Hanes.

Combined, they have over 150 years of association with Santa. Most began their stints as Santa helpers at the request of family members.

Return engagement

Six years ago, Mark Hervan donned a flaming red suit for his first audience, his little niece. The reception was fantastic; then Mark's grandmother who's president of the Hicksville Senior Citizens Club asked him to suit up for her group's annual Christmas party. He's been the star attraction at the senior's festivities ever since.

Looking back, Mark says, "I never really thought that I'd be playing Santa. . .especially for my grandmother and her friends."

Joe Neary also considered himself to be an unlikely candidate to play Kris Kringle. Nine years ago, his kindergarten teacher wife asked him to substitute for a sub-par Santa for her school in Valley Stream. "I was very reluctant," recalls Joe. "She had to coax me into it. I was afraid that I wouldn't do a good job and the children would be the first to know it." But his sharpest critics gave him rave reviews and Joe's been back every year.

"Even though I still get a little nervous," says Joe, "something magical happens when I step into that red suit and put on my white beard. I can tell. . .it's reflected in the faces of the little children."

All the Grumman Santas attest to that. . .Ed Hiller, a Santa's helper for over 20 years at local churches, hospitals and scout meetings; Mel Hennen, with over 25 years at the Great River hospitals and with retarded children's parties; Dick Erody, a St. Nick representative over 25 years at orphanages, schools, and associations; Al Hanes, with over 25 years experience as Santa at churches and orphanages.

'Love doesn't change'

Over the years, these Santas have not witnessed any decline in the children's joy. "Love doesn't change," reflects Ed.

Immediately when a Santa enters the room, the children start firing questions. Where's your sleigh and reindeer? How's Mrs. Claus? Where's Rudolph? How many elves do you have working for you? Did you get my letter?

Media blitz

In recent years, there have been more inquiries about Rudolph. The Grummanites believe this stems from the increased television coverage of Rudolphs's adventures.

After the little tykes settle down, each Santa has his own routine ranging from individual interviews to storytelling. For Joe Neary, it means talking to each child in the class; his wife helps single out the children who are having problems at home or at school.

"I remember one little girl who's mother had died earlier that year. Her grandmother would pick her up from school every day, but the little girl would cry because she was afraid her grandmother wouldn't be there. After Santa talked to her, there was no more crying.

"To the children, you are *the man*," states Joe. His Santa comrades agree. "It's a great opportunity to mention good behaviour and generosity," adds Dick Erody.

Some children confess that they've been naughty and try to clean their slate before the holidays, says Al Hanes.

Others always put in a good word about their family and a request for their younger brothers and sisters. "A lot of the real young ones are terrified of this big guy in a red suit," says Mel Hennen, so the oldest child usually tries to cover base for their younger siblings."

Occasionally, a Santa might receive helpful inside information. "This one little guy climbed up on my lap and proceeded to tell me that he'd moved from Long Island to Staten Island. 'Make sure you have exact change for the Verrazano Bridge,' " recalls Ed Hiller.

Some Santa's helpers like Ed, Mel, and Dick have expanded their language skills to include Spanish, Arabic and even sign language to communicate with deaf children.

Of course, there are some drawbacks to being a Santa representative. Occasionally there's a rascal who delivers a swift kick in the shin. The red outfit complete with fluffy beard limits movement and can become a sweatsuit after a long duration. Drinking, smoking, and garlic are taboo.

Magical bonus

But all six Santas claim the rewards far outweigh such trivia. Call it the magical bonus a goodwill representative of Santa's receives. . .when you give, you receive a thousand-fold.

Good will reps. *Grummanites (L to R) Ed Hiller, Dick Erody, and Mel Hennen are ready to make their rounds as Santa's helpers. (Photo by Rich Breunig)*

25-year luncheon kicks off 50th anniversary

The annual 25-Year Luncheon held every December to honor Grumman employees with 25 years of service, had a special significance this year. It was held on Thursday, December 6, the day that Grumman was first incorporated 50 years ago.

This year, 287 Grummanites were initiated into the 25-year club and presented with gold watches as nearly 3,000 fellow 25-year club members wished them well.

But there was more excitement than usual this year because Grumman was at the threshold of that magical year in American business that signifies endurance, stability and quality.

Grumman Chairman Jack Bierwirth sounded the theme of the afternoon when he told the crowd assembled at the Colonie Hill in Hauppauge that the company has been a part of history and Grummanites helped to make some of history's significant moments.

Noting that the event was the kickoff to the anniversary, he said, "In planning for our 50th birthday party, we felt it should best be celebrated by you who have made the company what it is today."

He then introduced the honorary chairman of the 50th year celebration, George Burkhardt. Burkhardt is the Grummanite with the longest work record. As a teenager, he joined the company when it was only a few months old.

Several special guests joined Grumman officials on the dais and were introduced by Grumman Corporate President Joseph Gavin and Grumman Aerospace Chairman and President George Skurla. The guest speaker for the occasion was Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, USN (Retired).

Fan mail:

Sen. Goldwater, Navy send anniversary kudos

They couldn't make it to the birthday party . . . but Senator Barry Goldwater, Admiral Thomas B. Hayward—Chief of Naval Operations, and other Navy officials sent their good wishes on Grumman's 50th anniversary.

In his telegram, Senator Goldwater said: "Grumman's contribution to American and world aerospace during the past 50 years has been truly outstanding. Your record of building superb combat and support aircraft for our armed services is an achievement for which the Grumman Corporation and its employees can be truly proud. Grumman aircraft have proved themselves during three wars, and numerous other times when it was necessary to show the U.S. flag. Their contribution to our national security has been self-evident. Grumman's very significant part in our manned space program, culminating with the successful landing on the moon and return, is also a very commendable and remarkable achievement. You should be especially proud of that effort.

Grummanites made it happen

"Above all, I congratulate the thousands of loyal, dedicated Grumman employees who, over the years, made all of this happen. They are the ones responsible for making the first 50 years a success."

Admiral Hayward also saluted the company's achievements.

"From the Hellcat of World War II fame to today's Tomcat, Hawkeye, Intruder and Prowler, Grumman aircraft have been flown by Naval aviators ashore and at sea, in fair weather and foul, in war and in peace. Through it all, the Ironworks and your aircraft have won the admiration and respect of generations of Navy men and women. We in the Navy are proud of our past association with Grumman and look forward to the future."

Years of service

Admiral D. C. Davis, Commander in Chief of the U.S. Pacific fleet, echoed those sentiments: "Your aircraft and services have served our Navy well in both war and peace."

And Rear Admiral C. B. Hunter, Commander Medium Attack/Tactical Electronic Warfare Wing, U. S. Pacific Fleet, said:

"We at Whidbey are proud and pleased to fly your superb family of A-6 aircraft. Your reputation for producing quality products is well-known and well respected in this community, and we look forward to your next fifty years with confidence."

Thank you!

Since the company began 50 years ago, there's been a lot of talk about Grumman teamwork.

Throughout 1979, we've seen—and reported—Grumman men and women combining their energies and talents to provide top quality services and products for our customers. That same team spirit exists in our own area.

As the year's end approaches, we wish to thank all those Grummanites in the following departments for their contributions during 1979 to PLANE NEWS:

Mail Services, Communication Services, Distribution Services, Reproduction Services, Wire Services, Presentation Services, Photo Reproduction in Plant 2, Photo Labs in Plants 25 and 7, Transportation, Traffic, and Shipping and Receiving.

A safe and happy holiday to all!

M. Garnier

M. Carbone

F. Blomback

H. Henze

Ray Mangan

E. Eichler

L. Byars

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S. DiIberto

service milestones

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Joseph Hejl, Controls (2)
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Benny Sosnoski, Estimating Resources (1)
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Ernest Thompson, Conventional Mach. (3)
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Great River winners' circle

Over recent years, Great River Operations has continually expanded its lunchtime and after-hour recreational activities. New additions to the 1979 list are a co-ed softball league and a chess tournament. Winners of these and other activities in 1979 are:

Co-Ed Softball League: Donna Lamac's High Hopes team beat Gary Ferrone's Nothing Better squad for the first Co-Ed championship title of Great River.

Chess: In the first annual tourney, Irv Brandfon and Tony Petrone Jr. finished first and second, respectively.

Bocce: "Chatt" Chapman's Groundhogs won Plant 43's bocce crown for the third straight year; Al Knight's Aces claimed the Plant 44 title also for the third straight season. The Groundhogs beat the Aces in the best-of-seven series for their third consecutive Great River title.

Volleyball: Morris Benny's Bouncers beat "Chatt" Chapman's "Short Sheets".

Horseshoes: Singles champ for the second year in a row is Jim Roberts, who beat Bob Pizzo in the final match.

Table Tennis: Rocky Famiglietti defeated Marvin Lewis for title. He then teamed with Mike Maggiore to top Lewis and John Zito in the doubles tourney.

Handball: Singles champ is Tony Scionti; doubles champs are Joe Jacklets and Nick Brigante.

Smashing season. *While the Grumman Blue varsity tennis team was riddled with injuries, the Gold team marched onto victory in the L.I. Industrial League. Members of the Gold team are (L to R) kneeling: Bill Wenzel, John Hsu, Gus Spyridon, Joe DiStefano, Tom Guarino, Andy Kaufmann, Norm Dvoskin, Jay Leng, (not pictured: Bill Jaklitsch, Craig Langwost, Dick Kline and Alex Kirillin.) The Blue squad consists of (standing L to R) Stan Teich, Dave McKendrick, Dick Bergman, Phil Goldberg, Vinny Casale, Bob Steele, Jerry Fogel, Bob Bentler, Jacques Crouzet-Pascal, Tony Bartilucci, (not pictured: Roy Harris and Mel Rimer.)*

calendar

American Production and Inventory Control Society: Tues., Dec. 18, Musicaro's, Melville, 6:30 dinner; technical presentation: "Inventory Evaporation;" guest speaker: George Gilbert. Guests welcome. N. Heilweil, Ext. 2250

China-Burma-India Vets Association: Wed., Dec. 19, Walter Pytlowany's residence, 5 p.m.: Installation dinner discussion; by invitation only. R. Fong, Ext. 8616/W. Zywan, Ext. 6154

Computer Club: Wed., Jan. 9, Pl. 25 conference room, 5 p.m. Grumman employees welcome. I. Tish, Ext. 4783

Dance Club: Dance lessons for beginner and intermediate dancers. Learn the hustle as well as the old favorites. Lessons begin on Wed., Jan. 9, American Legion Hall, Plainview, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. E. Murway, Ext. 2263/M. Brown, Ext. 6752

IEEE Reliability Chapter: Tues., Dec. 18, Polytechnic Institute of N.Y., Farmingdale, 7:30 p.m.; guest speaker: Mr. Charles Mixer. Guests welcome. J. Drvostep, Ext. 3769

Grumman Ski Club: Wed., Dec. 19 and Wed., Jan. 9, Barclay House, Hicksville, 8:30 p.m.; snow skiing. Guests welcome. A. Garmendia, Ext. 7819

Gold team nets another tennis title

During the past 17 seasons of the Long Island Industrial Tennis League, Grumman has claimed 15 championship titles. This year, the Grumman Gold team brought home the bacon, while the Blue team, plagued by injuries, finished third.

Both Grumman varsities play in the league's highest-ranked Red Division. Because of their proven track record, Grumman teams always face their opponents top doubles players.

In 1979, the Goldsters won 80 percent of the 126 match sets played and racked up 12 consecutive victories before sustaining a narrow loss to second-place Brookhaven. Joe DiStefano, Gold co-captain, says, "All I had to do was to pick any six of the 12 players on the roster and begin smiling."

But for Blue co-captains Vinny Casale and Bob Steele, player selection often depended on who could walk and swing a racket. Despite injuries, the Blue team managed to compile a 60 percent winning record. "With a winter to heal, we should be ready to give the Gold squad a run for the trophy next year."

It looks like the Blue varsity isn't the only tennis team aiming to knock off the championship Gold players. Other Red Division company teams are steadily improving, especially Brookhaven. "We can't afford to be complacent," says Gold player Andy Kaufmann. "The other companies are working hard to improve their standings and we must match their efforts."

Billiards, anyone?

Once again, the GAA pocket billiards handicap league is seeking new players. If you're interested in joining, contact Mike Cherry, GAA, Ext. 2133.

Shadows Team. *(L to R) Front Pow. Joe Vosefski, Mike Gabriel, Bob Jassie, Jim Casey, Ken Stevenson and Wayne Wright. Back Row. Rich Rothwell, Bill Ostrowsky, Al Wallace, Marty Martinez, Dorian Jung, Paul Bavitz, Ed Gabriel and Jim Schwab. (Not available for photo: Rob Ogilvie, Chas Dietz, Bob Fink and John Ketcham)*

Aerojock Team. *(L to R) Front Row. George Cumberland, George Wright and Larry Levine. Back Row. Ken Galan, Chris Williams, Richard LaSala, Bill Foote, Joe Vosefski, Al Bauer, Sal Capitano, Bob Metz, Tony Caputi, Len Wengler, Kim McCrosson and Ray Harrell (Not available for photo: Mike Sabia and Ralph Wittman)*

Full palette of talent shines at GAA show

From a distance, it's hard to tell for which category Pat Aronna's entry took Best in Show. His acrylic painting of a Swiss village is so finely detailed that it almost looks like a photograph. It was the judges' favorite at the recent Grumman Art and Photography Show.

Over 200 Grummanites entered the annual competition held last month in the Plant 28 auditorium.

Pat, a technical illustrator in Plant 15, did the painting as a wedding gift for his daughter. Although he also works in oils and watercolors, he says he prefers acrylics "because they're so versatile, and the colors are more brilliant."

In the retiree's division, former Grummanite Frank Baldi's still life of a basket and flowers won the Best in Show prize. Frank scooped up three other prizes in this year's competition to add to the rather sizable collection he has at home. He won the retiree's Best in Show last year, too. But his awards from earlier years were for photography—his main hobby until 1977. Frank turned to painting when he retired, and has been taking art classes since then.

Other winners in their categories are: Oil, Plastics, Acrylics (landscapes, seascapes) — Pat Aronna, Frank Francioli, Mark Soley. Oil, Plastics, Acrylics (still life, miscellaneous) — Frank Baldi, Frank Francioli, Vincent Skittone. Oil, Plastics, Acrylics (figure, portrait) — Stan Zadroga, Frank Baldi, Susan Pankratz. Oil, Plastics, Acrylics (nature — animals, birds, etc.) — Joe Gruney, Frank Francioli, Frank Baldi. Watercolor — Curt Dolderer, Gil Lap, Joe Gurney. Pastels — Lydia Bargiuk, Joe Placenza, Matti Hannus. Black and White, Graphics, etc. — Charles Korrow, Kathleen Gibson, Norman Meyers. Sculpture — Stan Zadroga, Len Laux, Robert Grinsell. Non-objective, abstract — Kay O'Regan, Kenneth Smith, Susan Pankratz.

There were three best in show awards in the photography division: Ronald Cerank for prints, George Hempel for slides, and Harry Walther in the retirees' slot.

Ronald Cerank, a project engineer in Plant 5, insists that his winning entry was "a lucky shot."

"One of my friends was running in a race at Sunken Meadow State Park. I had my camera all set up and focused, ready to catch him as he ran past."

But as he waited, an old man walking with canes moved into the image area, and Ron clicked the shutter as another runner sprinted past him. The dramatic photo also took first prize in the human interest category.

George Hempel sandwiched two slides together for his winning entry, a tall ship sailing off into the sunset. George, of Plant 3 Methods Engineering, has won prizes in Grumman shows for the past three years—since he first took up photography.

Harry Walther's black and white study of a horse and her colt won top honors for retirees. A Grummanite for 40 years before his retirement in 1977, this was Harry's first win in a Grumman show.

The other winners in their categories are:

Black and White: Pictorial — Edward Cohen, Mario DiMartini, Gerald Kraus. Nature — Shelly Schwartz, Mario DiMartini, Hal Wicker. Still Life and Abstracts — Gerald Kraus, Joe Giordano, Edward Cohen. Portraiture — William Oelcher, Mario DiMartini, John Gwynne. Human Interest — Hal Wicker, Frank Bonino, Anthony Zumpano. Close-up/Macrophotography — Frank Bonino, Herb Goldberg, Fred Elsner.

Color prints: Pictorial — Harold George, Don Ryan, Leonard Enlund. Nature — Mark Soley, Gerald Kraus, Larry Segerlind. Still Life and Abstracts — Shelly Schwartz, James Crawford, Rudolph Pascucci. Portraiture — Fred Nichols, Larry Segerlind, Herb Goldberg. Human Interest — Ronald Cerank, Daniel Riley, Fred Nichols. Close-up/Macrophotography — Charles Romdean, Leonard Enlund, Rudolph Pascucci.

Color slides: Pictorial — George Hempel, Ray Muntz, Ed Murphy. Nature — Walter George Muller, Walter Demchuk. Human Interest — George Hempel, Ken Hightower, Allen Bjornsen. Close-up/Macrophotography — Walter Demchuk, Tony Germano, George Muller. Snapshots — John Ptacek, McIntosh Smith, Christine Yusko.

Top of the flock

They don't have V/STOL capabilities, or wings that swing or sweep forward. But this year's flock of Grumman birds are top-of-the-line and ready for delivery.

Turkey cards will be given out on Friday, December 21; Grummanites can pick up their holiday birds at the end of the Friday shift at designated areas.

The turkeys are frozen and weigh an average of 18-19 pounds. Food Services suggests allowing a full 24 hours for defrosting at room temperature, or three days in the refrigerator.

They also advise against taking it out of the plastic bag during the defrosting stage: oxidation will turn the bird brown. When you're ready to roast, figure about eight or nine hours at 325°F.

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